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DETAILED ACTION: Reexamination: Granting of Request

Procedural Posture:

The Third Party Request (dated 2/1/06) for ex parte reexamination of claims 1-48 of United States Patent Number 6,329,161 (Heller et al.) is acknowledged.

Decision Granting the Order

A substantial new question of patentability affecting claims 1-48 of United States

Patent Number 6,329,161 (Heller et al.) is raised by the request for reexamination.

Information Disclosure Statement

Enclosed please find a PTO-892 listing the eight documents cited on pages 2 and 3 of the request. In the future submitted references must be provided on a PTO-1449 form for Examiner signature.

Ongoing Duty To Disclose:

The patent owner is reminded of the continuing responsibility under 37 CFR 1.565(a) to apprise the Office of any litigation activity, or other prior or concurrent proceeding, involving Patent No. 6,329,161 throughout the course of this reexamination proceeding. See MPEP §§ 2207, 2282 and 2286. The third party requester is also reminded of the ability to similarly apprise the Office of any such activity or proceeding throughout the course of this reexamination proceeding. See MPEP §§ 2207, 2282 and 2286

Substantial New Question of Patentability Raised By The Request

For "a substantial new question of patentability" to be present, it is only necessary that:

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- The prior art patents and/or printed publications raise a substantial question of A. patentability regarding at least one claim i.e. the prior art teaching is such that there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable examiner would consider the teaching to be important in deciding whether or not the claim is patentable; and it is not necessary that the prior art establish a prima facie case of unpatentability and;
- ₿, The same question of patentability as to the claim has not been decided by the Office in a previous examination or pending reexamination of the patent or in a final holding of invalidity by the Federal Courts in a decision on the merits involving the claim. See MPEP 2242.

For a reexamination that was ordered on or after November 2, 2002 (the date of enactment of Public Law 107-273; see Section 13105, of the Patent and Trademark Office Authorization Act of 2002), reliance solely on old art (as the basis for a rejection) does not necessarily preclude the existence of a substantial new question of patentability (SNQ) that is based exclusively on that old art. Determinations on whether a SNQ exists in such an instance shall be based upon a fact-specific inquiry done on a case-by-case basis. For example, a SNQ may be based solely on old art where the old art is being presented/viewed in a new light, or in a different way, as compared with its use in the earlier concluded examination(s), in view of a material new argument or interpretation presented in the request. MPEP 2258.01.

If a substantial new question of patentability is found as to one claim, all claims will be reexamined during the ex parte reexamination process. See MPEP 2216.

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The Heller invention is drawn to a small diameter flexible electrode designed for subcutaneous *in vivo* amperometric glucose monitoring, wherein the electrode is preferably three or four-layered, with the layers serially deposited within a recess upon the tip of a polyamide insulated gold wire with a first glucose concentration-to-current transducing layer overcoated with a second electrically insulating and glucose flux limiting layer to which is applied an optional immobilized interference-eliminating horseradish peroxidase based film third layer; and an outer fourth biocompatible layer. See '161 abstract.

The independent claims are drawn to:

- i. A flexible analyte sensor: claim 1 and claims 2-17 dependent thereon.
- ii. A flexible glucose sensor: claim 34 and claims 35-48 dependent thereon.
- iii. A glucose measurement system: claim 18 and claims 19-24 dependent thereon.
- iv. An introduction system for a glucose sensor: claim 25 and claims 26-28 dependent thereon.
- v. A method of measuring animal glucose concentration: claim 29 and claim 30 dependent thereon.
- vi. A method for inserting a flexible glucose sensor: claim 31 and claims 32-33 dependent thereon.

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Documents Cited By The Reau ster:

- 1. M. Sakakida et al., "Ferrocene-mediated Needle-type Glucose Sensor Covered with Newly Designed Biocompatible Membrane", Sensors and Actuators B, Vol. 13-14, pages 319-322 (May/June 1993).
- 2. M. Schichiri et al., "Needle-type Glucose Sensor for Wearable Artificial Endocrine Pancreas", Chap. 15 in IMPLANTABLE SENSORS FOR CLOSED-LOOP PROSTHETIC SYSTEMS (W.H. Ko. Ed., Futura Publishing Co. Mount Kisco, NY 1985)
- 3. G. S. Wilson et al., "Progress Toward the Development of an Implantable Glucose Sensor Clinical Chemistry", Vol. 38(9) pages 1613-1617 (1992).
- 4. U. S. Pat. No. 5,165,407 to Wilson et al., (filed April 9, 1991: issued Nov. 24,1992).
- 5. U.S. Pat. No. 5,322,063 to Allen et al. (filed Oct. 4, 1991 : issued June 21, 1994).
- 6. Schichiri et al., "Membrane Design for Extending the Long Life of an Implantable Glucose Sensor", Diab. Nutr. Metab., Vol. 2(4) pages 309-313 (1989).
- 7. U.S. Pat. No. 5,411,647 to Johnson et al. (effectively filed Nov. 23, 1992: issued May 2, 1995).
- 8. U. S. Pat. No. 4,986,271 to Wilkins et al. (filed July 19, 1989 : issued Jan. 22, 1991).

Discusion of the Cited Documents and the Raising of a SNQ

1. M. Sakakida et al. :

The third party discusses the applicability of the Sakakida reference to claims 1-17, 30 and 34-48 of the '161 patent on pages 8-9, 13-15,19-31, 39-63, 97-103 and 107-113 of the request.

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Although the Sakakida reference was of record in the '161 patent application it was not discussed by either the Examiner or Applicant during examination of the application. In the present instance the Sakakida reference is being presented/viewed in a new light, or in a different way, as compared with its use in the earlier concluded examination, in view of a material new argument or interpretation presented in the request.

The Sakakida reference discloses a ferrocene-mediated needle-type glucose sensor covered with a polyurethane layer and a biocompatible polyvinyl alcohol (PVA) membrane which was implanted into an animal and used to measure glucose levels in vivo. The glucose-oxidase containing sensing layer is in direct physical contact with the working electrode.

The Sakakida prior art teaching is such that there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable examiner would consider this teaching to be important in deciding whether or not one or more claims of the '161 patent are patentable.

2. M. Schichiri et al. (1985)

The third party discusses the applicability of the Schichiri article to claims 1 of the '161 patent in combination with the Sakakida reference on pages 41-45 of the request.

The newly cited Schichiri reference discloses a "flexible" glucose oxidase based needle-type glucose sensor designed for transcutaneous implantation (see Schichiri Fig. 1 on page 199). The end of the platinum wire in the Schichiri sensor was "sealed into a soft glass tube" (Schichiri page 198). The tip of the reference glucose sensor has a polyurethane layer as its outermost layer. (Id.at pages 198-199). The Schichiri

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glucose sensor is "flexible" since it is a very thin device (e.g. 0.4-1mm) with a soft glass body and a polyurethane tip of 0.4 mm diameter.

The Schichiri prior art teaching taken alone, or in combination with the Sakakida reference, is such that there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable examiner would consider the Schichiri reference teaching to be important in deciding whether or not one or more claims of the '161 patent are patentable.

3. G. S. Wilson et al. (the Wilson article)

The third party discusses the applicability of the Wilson patent reference to claims 18-20, 22, 24-29, 31-33 of the '161 patent on pages 11-15, 64, 74, 77-90, 93-97, 103-107 of the request.

Although the Wilson reference was of record in the '161 patent application it was not discussed by either the Examiner or Applicant during examination of the application. In the present instance the Wilson reference is being presented/viewed in a new light, or in a different way, as compared with its use in the earlier concluded examination, in view of a material new argument or interpretation presented in the request.

The Wilson article discloses a needle-type glucose sensor containing glucose oxidase in physical contact with the platinum-iridium electrode wherein the glucose sensor is operatively connected to a signal monitoring device. The reference utilizes a stainless steel catheter (i.e. an introducer) for introducing its sensor to a subject and the removal of the catheter after sensor implantation. The reference teaches that that following implantation it is necessary to wait a period of time for the sensor to stabilize prior to utilizing the sensor output for measuring glucose levels.

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The Wilson article teaching is such that there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable examiner would consider this teaching to be important in deciding whether or not one or more claims of the '161 patent are patentable.

4. U. S. Pat. No. 5,165,407 (the Wilson patent)

The third party discusses the applicability of the Wilson patent reference to claims 18-20, 22, 24-29 and 31-41, 43 and 45-48 of the '161 patent on request pages 11-15, 39-41, 49-51, 64, 77-90, 93-97, 107-113,

Although the Wilson patent reference was of record in the '161 patent application it was not discussed by either the Examiner or Applicant during examination of the application. In the present instance the Wilson patent reference is being presented/viewed in a new light, or in a different way, as compared with its use in the earlier concluded examination, in view of a material new argument or interpretation presented in the request.

The Wilson patent discloses a needle-type glucose sensor containing glucose oxidase in physical contact with the platinum-iridium electrode wherein the glucose sensor is operatively connected to a signal monitoring device. The reference utilizes a stainless steel catheter (i.e. an introducer) for introducing its sensor to a subject and the removal of the catheter after sensor implantation. The reference teaches that that following implantation it is necessary to wait a period of time for the sensor to stabilize prior to utilizing the sensor output for measuring glucose levels. Additionally, the Wilson patent reference teaches a flexible glucose sensor with an insertable portion of less

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than about 0.20 mm in diameter (compare to '161 patent claim 34 requiring insertion sensor portion having a width of less than about 0.29 mm).

It is noteworthy that the Wison patented device uses cellulose acetate or Nafion as the first polymeric layer which provides size selective and/or charge selective discrimination to reduce interference and improve sensor selectivity as compared to other prior art devices (e.g. Sakakida) which uses cellulose diacetate as a first polymeric layer.

The Wilson patent prior art device is such that there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable examiner would consider this teaching to be important in deciding whether or not one or more claims of the '161 patent are patentable.

5. U.S. Pat. No. 5,322,063 (Allen)

The third party discusses the applicability of the Allen patent reference to claim 30 of the '161 patent on page 14 of the request.

Although the Allen patent reference was of record in the '161 patent application it was not discussed by either the Examiner or Applicant during examination of the application. In the present instance the Allen patent reference is being presented/viewed in a new light, or in a different way, as compared with its use in the earlier concluded examination, in view of a material new argument or interpretation presented in the request.

The Allen patent reference discloses glucose oxidase based sensors comprising an outer polyurethane membrane which slows glucose influx into the sensor by approximately 4,000 fold.

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The Allen prior art teaching taken alone, or combined with the Sakakida reference teaching, is such that there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable examiner would consider the Allen reference teaching to be important in deciding whether or not one or more claims of the '161 patent are patentable.

6. Schichiri et al., (1989)

The third party discusses the applicability of this reference in combination with Sakakida to claims 10 and 42 of the '161 patent on pages 55-56 and 112-113 of the request.

The newly cited Schichiri (1989) reference discloses a biocompatible layer utilizing polyethylene oxide (PEO) outer layer due to its superior strength in comparison to other materials.

The Schichiri prior art teaching taken alone, or combined with the Sakakida reference teaching, is such that there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable examiner would consider the Schichiri teaching to be important in deciding whether or not one or more claims of the '161 patent are patentable.

7. U.S. Pat. No. 5,411,647 (Johnson)

The third party discusses the applicability of the Johnson reference to claims 18-22, 24, 29 and 42 of the '161 patent on pages 10, 12-13, 55-56, 64-77, 90-93 and 112-113 of the request.

Although the Johnson patent reference was of record in the '161 patent application it was not discussed by either the Examiner or Applicant during examination of the application. In the present instance the Johnson patent reference is being

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presented/viewed in a new light, or in a different way, as compared with its use in the earlier concluded examination, in view of a material new argument or interpretation presented in the request.

Johnson discloses a subcutaneous glucose sensor comprising polyurethane connected to a display device wherein the sensor was implanted into a healthy rat which was monitored. A glucose measurement was conducted following a ten minute period permitting sensor signal stabilization. Additionally, the Johnson reference teaches that its implantable glucose sensor comprises a polyethylene oxide outer layer that reduces sensor settling time so that it can be used quicker following implantation.

The Johnson prior art teaching is such that there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable examiner would consider this teaching to be important in deciding whether or not one or more claims of the '161 patent are patentable.

8. U. S. Pat. No. 4,986,271 (Wilkins)

The third party discusses the applicability of the Wilkins reference to claims 1-3 of the '161 patent on pages 9-10, 31-38 of the request.

Although the Wilkins reference was of record in the '161 patent application it was not discussed by either the Examiner or Applicant during examination of the application. In the present instance the Wilkins reference is being presented/viewed in a new light, or in a different way, as compared with its use in the earlier concluded examination, in view of a material new argument or interpretation presented in the request.

Wilkins discloses a sensor comprising a glucose oxidase sensing layer immobilized on a conducting support in contact with a platinum working electrode in

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which the sensing layer is recessed into a tube or sleeve of the electrode similar to the '161 patented device. The open end of the electrode is covered by a glucose selectible permeable membrane.

The Wilkins prior art teaching taken alone, or in combination with the Sakakida reference teaching, is such that there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable examiner would consider the Wilkins teaching to be important in deciding whether or not one or more claims of the '161 patent are patentable.

Conclusion

In view of the above, the request for reexamination is GRANTED. Claims 1-48 of United States Patent Number 6,329,161 (Heller et al.).

Extensions of Time

Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136 (a) will not be permitted in these proceedings because the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 apply only to an applicant and not to parties in a reexamination proceeding. Additionally, 35 U.S.C. 305 requires that ex parte reexamination proceedings "will be concluded with special dispatch" (37 CFR 1.555(a)). Extensions of time in ex parte reexamination proceedings are provided for in 37 CFR 1.550(c).

Service on the Other Party (3rd Party Request)

After the filing of a request for reexamination by a 3rd party requester, any document filed by either the patent owner or the third party requester must be served on the other party (or parties where two or more third party requester proceedings are

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merged) in the reexamination proceeding in the manner provided in 37 CFR 1.248. See 37 CFR 1.550 (f).

Patent Owner Amendment

Patent owner is notified that any proposed amendment to the specification and/or claims in this reexamination proceeding must comply with 37 CFR 1.530(d)-(j), must be formally presented pursuant to 37 CFR 1.52(a) and (b), and must contain any fees required by 37 CFR 1.20(c).

Future Correspondences

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bennett Celsa whose telephone number is 571-272-0807. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 8-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Deborah Jones can be reached at 571-272-1535.

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Procedural Posture

2. The request by the Third Party Requester for ex parte reexamination is filed on 2/1/2006.

Ongoing Duty to Disclose

- 3. A PTO-1449 has not been filed with the references submitted by the Third Party Requester. The submitted references considered by the examiner are cited in a PTO-892.
- 4. The patent owner is reminded of the continuing responsibility under 37 CFR 1.565(a) to apprise the Office of any litigation activity, or other prior or concurrent proceeding, involving Patent No. 6,284,478 throughout the course of this reexamination proceeding. The third party requester is also reminded of the ability to similarly apprise the Office of any such activity or proceeding throughout the course of this reexamination proceeding. See MPEP §§ 2207, 2282 and 2286.

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Priority

- 4. US 6,284,478, the patent under reexamination, is a continuation of US Application No. 08/299,526, filed on 9-1-1994, issued as US Patent No. 5,593,853, which is a CIP of US Application No. 08/161,682, filed on 12-2-1993, issued as US Patent No. 5,356,786, which is a continuation of US Application No. 07/664,054, filed on 3-4-1991, now abandoned.
- 5. US Application No. 08/161,682, filed on 12-2-1993, issued as US Patent No. 5,356,786, only describes a glucose electrode coated with an oxidizing enzyme (peroxidase) which allows hydrogen peroxide to selectively oxidize the interferants (as described in Fig. 6). The electrode of the instant invention having preferably three or four layers, including the interference eliminating layer (as described in Fig. 1), was first described in US Application No. 08/299,526, filed on 9-1-1994, issued as US Patent No. 5,593,853. Accordingly, the earliest effective filing date for the patent claims under reexamination is 9-1-1994.

References Cited by the Third Party Requester

6. Old References

Wilkins

US 4,986,271

Sakakida et al. (1) Sensors and Actuators B, 13-14: 319-322 (May-June, 1993).

Sternberg et al. Biosensors, 4:27-40 (1988).

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7. New References

Sakakida et al. (II). Artif. Organs Today, 2(2):145-158 (1992).

Shichiri et al. Diab. Nutr. Metab., 2:309-313 (1989).

Claims in U.S. 6,284,478

8. Claims 1-3 are directed to an electrochemical sensor comprising (a) one or more non-corroding metal or carbon electrodes; (b) a sensing layer comprising an enzyme coupled to each electrode; and (c) a biocompatible layer comprising a biocompatible hydrogel chemically bound to the sensing layer of each electrode.

Claim 4 is directed to an analyte measurement system comprising (a) an electrochemical sensor including two or more non-corroding metal or carbon electrodes, each electrode adapted for subcutaneous implantation in animal, and a non-leachable analyte-responsive enzyme disposed on each of the electrodes; and (b) a device for comparing signals of the two electrodes.

Claims 5-8 are directed an electrochemical sensor comprising (a) one or more noncorroding metal or carbon electrodes; (b) a sensing layer coupled to each electrode wherein the sensing layer comprises a non-leachable redox enzyme; and (c) a microfiltration device for transporting a fluid sample into contact with the sensing layer of at least one of the electrodes.

Claims 9-51, 74 are directed to an electrochemical sensor for measuring an analyte in an animal, comprising one or more analyte responsive electrodes, at lease one electrode adapted for subcutaneous implantation in animal, each of the analyte responsive electrode comprises (a) one two or more non-corroding metal or carbon electrodes and a non-leachable analyte-responsive

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enzyme disposed on each of the electrodes; and (b) a sensing layer comprising a redox enzyme and a redox compound, which are non-leachable fluids in the body of the animal at a pH of 6.5-7.8.

Claims 52-63, 70-73 are directed to a method of calibrating an electrochemical sensor comprising (a) withdrawing a single calibration sample from an animal; (b) assaying an analyte concentration of the sample; and (c) correlating the assayed analyte concentration to a signal generated by one or more implanted working electrode having an analyte-responsive enzyme disposed thereon.

Claims 64-69 are directed to a method for the analysis of a bioanalyte comprising (a) providing an analyte measurement system comprising two or more subcutaneously implantable electrodes; (b) subcutaneously implanting 2 or more electrodes in the animal; (c) obtaining readings from the electrodes at substantially one point in time; (d) comparing two or more of the readings of the electrodes; and (e) accepting those readings which do not vary by more than a predetermined degree.

Substantial New Question of Patentability

- 9. For "a substantial new question of patentability" to be present, it is only necessary that:
- The prior art patents and/or printed publications raise a substantial question of patentability regarding at least one claim, i.e., the teaching of the (prior art) patents and printed publications is such that a reasonable examiner would consider the teaching to be

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important in deciding whether or not the claim is patentable; it is not necessary that the prior art establish a prima facie case of unpatentability; and

B. The same question of patentability as to the claim has not been decided by the Office in a previous examination or pending reexamination of the patent or in a final holding of invalidity by the Federal Courts in a decision on the merits involving the claim.

For any reexamination ordered on or after November 2, 2002, reliance on previously cited/considered art, i.e., "old art," does not necessarily preclude the existence of a substantial new question of patentability (SNQ) that is based exclusively on that old art. Rather, determinations on whether a SNQ exists in such an instance shall be based upon a fact-specific inquiry done on a case-by-case basis. See MPEP 2242.

If a substantial new question of patentability is found as to one claim, all claims will be reexamined during the ex parte reexamination process. See MPEP 2216.

Discussion of the Cited references

Sakakida I raises a substantial new question of patentability as to claims 1-74 of the
 Heller patent.

Sakakida discloses a ferrocene-mediated needle-type glucose sensor wherein glucose oxidase (redox enzyme) and ferrocene carboxaldehyde (redox compound) were immobilized to cellulose diacetate (a polymer) on the platinum electrode. The surface of the sensor was covered with a glucose flux-limiting hydrophobic polyurethane membrane and a biocompatible hydrophilic polyvinyl alcohol membrane (page 319, Materials and Methods; page 320, Fig. 1). The oxygen tension does not affect the output current in the ferrocene-mediated glucose sensor (page 321, 3.1). Furthermore, it requires only one point in situ calibration (page 319, abstract).

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There is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable examiner would consider this teaching important in deciding whether or not the claims are patentable. This reference was cited, but was not applied, during the prosecution of the application which became the Heller patent. It is now being viewed in a new light or in different ways. Accordingly, this reference raises a substantial new question of patentability as to claims 1-74, which question has not been decided in a previous examination of the Heller patent.

11. Sternberg raises a substantial new question of patentability as to claims 1-74 of the Heller patent.

Sternberg discloses a multilayer needle-type enzyme-based glucose microsensor. More specifically, glucose oxidase (redox enzyme) covalently coupled to a cellulose acetate layer, using bovine serum albumin and parabenzoquinone (redox compound) is deposited on the platinum electrode. The sensor is covered with an outer layer of polyurethane (page 27, abstract; page 29, Fig. 1).

There is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable examiner would consider this teaching important in deciding whether or not the claims are patentable. This reference was cited, but was not applied, during the prosecution of the application which became the Heller patent. It is now being viewed in a new light or in different ways. Accordingly, this reference raises a substantial new question of patentability as to claims 1-74, which question has not been decided in a previous examination of the Heller patent.

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12. Schichiri together with Sakakida (paragraph 10 above) raise a substantial new question

of patentability as to claims 1-74 of the Heller patent.

Schichiri teaches that polyethylene oxide (PEO) membrane is a biocompatible membrane

comparable to polyvinyl alcohol membrane. PEO membrane has the in vivo characteristics that

its strength of membrane is excellent and the sensor output is good (page 312, Table 2).

There is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable examiner would consider Schichiri's

teaching together with the teaching of Sakakida important in deciding whether or not the claims

are patentable. Schichiri was not cited during the prosecution of the application which became

the Heller patent. Accordingly, Schichiri together with Sakakida raise a substantial new question

of patentability as to claims 1-74, which question has not been decided in a previous

examination of the Heller patent.

13. Wilkins (US 4,986,271) raises a substantial new question of patentability as to claims 1-

74 of the Heller patent.

Wilkins discloses an refillable implantable glucose sensor (Fig. 1) wherein the sensing

layer comprises glucose oxidase covalently cross linked to the modified graphite (column 4,

Example 1) or an electrically conducting polymer (column 4, lines 1-4). The sensing layer is in

contact with the working metal electrode (column 3, line 50).

There is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable examiner would consider this teaching

important in deciding whether or not the claims are patentable. This reference was cited, but was

not applied during the prosecution of the application which became the Heller patent. It is now

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14. Sakakida II discloses a ferrocene-mediated needle-type glucose sensor wherein glucose oxidase (redox enzyme) and ferrocene carboxaldehyde (redox compound) were immobilized to cellulose diacetate (a polymer) on the platinum electrode. The surface of the sensor was covered with a glucose flux-limiting hydrophobic polyurethane membrane and a biocompatible hydrophilic polyvinyl alcohol membrane (page 147, Fig 1).

There is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable examiner would consider this teaching important in deciding whether or not the claims are patentable. This reference was not cited during the prosecution of the application which became the Heller patent. Accordingly, this reference raises a substantial new question of patentability as to claims 1-74, which question has not been decided in a previous examination of the Heller patent.

Extensions of Time

15. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) will not be permitted in these proceedings because the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 apply only to "an applicant" and not to parties in a reexamination proceeding. Additionally, 35 U.S.C. 305 requires that ex parte reexamination proceedings "will be conducted with special dispatch" (37 CFR 1.550(a)). Extensions of time in ex parte reexamination proceedings are provided for in 37 CFR 1.550(c).

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Future Amendment

Patent owner is notified that any proposed amendment to the specification and/or claims in this reexamination proceeding must comply with 37 CFR 1.530(d)-(j), must be formally presented pursuant to 37 CFR 1.52(a) and (b), and must contain any fees required by 37CFR 1.20(c).

Future Correspondence

17. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Evelyn Huang whose telephone number is 571-272-0686. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Deborah Jones can be reached on 571-272-1535. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-9900.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR

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Dear Sir:

With this communication, the Applicants wish to inform the United States Patent and Trademark Office that they recently became aware that the Office has no evidence of receipt of the Information Disclosure Statement and accompanying Form 1449 that the Applicants filed on December 22, 2000. Applicants now submit an additional copy of the previously mailed Information Disclosure Statement and Form 1449 and request that they he considered timely filed.

On December 22, 2000 Applicants, through their attorney of record, submitted an Information Disclosure Statement and accompanying Form 1449. As shown in the attached copy of the December 22, 2000 submission, the documents were submitted with a Certificate of Mailing pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.8. Although Teresa Gerth, the person who executed the Certificate of Mailing, has since left the law firm representing the Applicants, it has always been the practice of the law firm to mail any correspondence with the Office under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8 on the same day that the certificate is executed.

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The Applicants, therefore, respectfully request that the attached Information Disclosure Statement and Form 1449 be deemed timely filed and that the references cited therein be considered.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir.

With regard to the above-identified application, the nems of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d), a copy of each document or other information listed is not provided because it was previously cited by or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in parent application, U.S. Serial No. 09/356,102 filed on July 16, 1999.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not

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represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

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ac	5,001.054	03/19/1591	Walter	435	14	
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